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SCHEME OF FUND FOR REGENERATION OF TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI);

(b) the total allocation for this scheme and the mechanism for utilisation of the fund;

(c) the details of main traditional industries coming under the purview of this scheme; and

(d) the extent to which the traditional industries have been benefited by the said scheme State and Union Territory-wise particularly in Kerala?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Under the 'Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI)' 122 clusters (34 khadi, 62 village industries and 26 coir) have been approved by the Scheme Steering Committee of the Scheme for their development. 19 reputed national level Institutions with expertise in cluster development methodology have been identified as Technical Agencies to provide technical support to the Nodal Agencies i.e. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board and the Implementing Agencies of the Scheme. Further, the other formalities/activities for development of these clusters like obtaining consent of State Governments, training to staff of Nodal Agencies and Implementing Agencies, appointment of Cluster Development Executives (CDE) and their training, preparation of annual action plan, diagnostic study report, etc, have been completed in most of the clusters.

(b) SFURTI has been launched to develop around 100 clusters in khadi, village industries and coir sectors with a total plan allocation of Rs. 97.25 crore. Release of funds under this scheme is cluster specific. The Government of India releases funds to the Nodal Agencies i.e. KVIC and Coir Board who are responsible for holding and disbursement of funds to the approved Implementing Agencies and monitoring of the scheme. These funds are released by them to the Implementing Agencies as per their requirement.

(c) Khadi, village and coir industries including leather and pottery are covered under SFURTI.

(d) 122 traditional industry clusters from khadi, village and coir sectors covering all the States/UTs including Kerala have been approved for their development under SFURTI. The State-wise number of clusters approved is given at Annex.